


In the Claims:

Claims 1-15 (Previously cancelled).

Claims 16-38 (Previously cancelled).

39. (Previously added) A method of applying an amino resin gluing system to a substrate, comprising the steps of:

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- (a) feeding an amino resin component to at least a first orifice;
 - (b) feeding a hardener component to at least a second orifice; and
 - (c) discharging said resin and hardener components through said respective first and second orifices in the form of strands or as a spray onto the substrate, said discharged components remaining physically isolated from each other until at least one of said components contacts said substrate;

wherein the hardener comprises a volatile acid and is either free from filler or includes filler in an amount of less than 20% by weight.

40. (Previously added) A method according to claim 39, wherein the resin component is applied in the form of strands, and thereafter the hardener component is applied by means of spraying.

41. (Previously added) A method according to claim 39, wherein the components of the gluing systems are separately applied in the form of strands, and in optional order, onto the substrate.

42. (Previously added) A method according to claim 39, wherein the later applied strands of one component substantially

overlap the corresponding previously applied strands of the other component.

43. (Previously added) A method according to claim 39, wherein the hardener component is applied in the form of strands on top of the resin component applied in the form of strands.

44. (Previously added) A method according to claim 39, wherein the later applied strands of one component do not overlap the corresponding previously applied strands of the other component.

45. (Previously added) A method according to claim 39, wherein the later applied strands of one component do not contact the corresponding previously applied strands of the other component.

46. (Previously added) A method according to claim 39, wherein the hardener comprises formic acid in an amount of 10-30% by weight.

47-55. (Cancelled)

56. (Reinstated, formerly Claim 49) A method according to claim 39, wherein the hardener is free from filler.

57. (New) A method according to claim 39, wherein the hardener comprises a filler in an amount of less than 15% by weight.

58. (New) A method according to claim 39, wherein the hardener comprises a filler in an amount of less than 10% by

weight.

59. (New) A method according to claim 39, wherein the hardener comprises a thickener.

60. (New) A method of separate application of resin and hardener components of an amino resin gluing system onto a substrate, in the form of strands, wherein the hardener comprises a volatile acid and is either free from filler or comprises filler in an amount of less than 20% by weight, and wherein the resin and hardener components are discharged from different hollow members each having a plurality of orifices, the orifices of one said hollow member being either aligned in, or parallel displaced in, a machine direction in relation to the corresponding orifices of the other said hollow member.

61. (New) A method according to claim 60, wherein the later applied strands of one component substantially overlap the corresponding previously applied strands of the other component.

62. (New) A method according to claim 60, wherein the hardener component is applied in the form of strands on top of the resin component applied in the form of strands.

63. (New) A method according to claim 60, wherein the later applied strands of one component do not overlap the corresponding previously applied strands of the other component.

64. (New) A method according to claim 60, wherein the later applied strands of one component do not contact the corresponding previously applied strands of the other component.

65. (New) A method according to claim 60, wherein the hardener comprises formic acid in an amount of 10-30% by weight.

66. (New) A method according to claim 60, wherein the hardener is free from filler.

67. (New) A method according to claim 60, wherein the hardener comprises a filler in an amount of less than 15% by weight.

68. (New) A method according to claim 60, wherein the hardener comprises a filler in an amount of less than 10% by weight.

69. (New) A method according to claim 60, wherein the hardener comprises a thickener.

70. (New) A method of separate application of resin and hardener components of an amino resin gluing system onto a substrate, in the form of strands, wherein the hardener comprises a volatile acid and is either free from filler or comprises filler in an amount of less than 20% by weight, and wherein the strands of resin and the strands of hardener do not overlap.

71. (New) A method according to claim 70, wherein the hardener comprises formic acid in an amount of 10-30% by weight.

72. (New) A method according to claim 70, wherein the hardener is free from filler.

73. (New) A method according to claim 70, wherein the hardener comprises a filler in an amount of less than 15% by

weight.

74. (New) A method according to claim 70, wherein the hardener comprises a filler in an amount of less than 10% by weight.

75. (New) A method according to claim 39, wherein the hardener component further comprises a thickener.

76. (New) A method of separate application of resin and hardener components of an amino resin gluing system onto a substrate, wherein the hardener comprises a volatile acid and a thickener, and is either free from filler or comprises filler in an amount of less than 20% by weight, and wherein the components of the gluing system are applied in the form of strands or by means of spraying, or any combination thereof, in optional order of application.

77. (New) A method according to claim 76, wherein the resin component is applied in the form of strands, and thereafter the hardener component is applied by means of spraying.

78. (New) A method according to claim 76, wherein the components of the gluing systems are separately applied in the form of strands, and in optional order, onto the substrate.

79. (New) A method according to claim 76, wherein the later applied strands of one component substantially overlap the corresponding previously applied strands of the other component.

80. (New) A method according to claim 76, wherein the hardener component is applied in the form of strands on top of

the resin component applied in the form of strands.

81. (New) A method according to claim 76, wherein the later applied strands of one component do not overlap the corresponding previously applied strands of the other component.

82. (New) A method according to claim 76, wherein the later applied strands of one component do not contact the corresponding previously applied strands of the other component.

83. (New) A method according to claim 76, wherein the hardener comprises formic acid in an amount of 10-30% by weight.

84. (New) A method according to claim 76, wherein the hardener is free from filler.

85. (New) A method according to claim 76, wherein the hardener comprises a filler in an amount of less than 15% by weight.

86. (New) A method according to claim 76, wherein the hardener comprises a filler in an amount of less than 10% by weight.

87. (New) A hardener composition for use in a method of separate application of resin and hardener components of an amino resin gluing system onto a substrate, wherein the hardener is either free from filler or comprises a filler in an amount of less than 20% by weight and a volatile acid, wherein the components of the gluing system are applied in the form of strands or by means of spraying, or any combination thereof, in optional order of application.

88. (New) A hardener composition according to claim 87, comprising formic acid in an amount of 10-30% by weight.

89. (New) A hardener composition according to claim 87, wherein the volatile acid is selected from the group consisting of formic acid, acetic acid, pyrovic acid and mixtures thereof.

90. (New) A hardener composition according to claim 87, comprising a filler in an amount of less than 15% by weight.

91. (New) A hardener composition according to claim 87, comprising a filler in an amount of less than 10% by weight.

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92. (New) A hardener composition according to claim 87, which is free from filler.

93. (New) A hardener composition according to claim 87, comprising a thickener.
